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*RE: Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions*

Dear Honorable Members of the Ways & Means Committee:

I am writing to respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

I'm Ryan Bollenbacher, a Project Engineer for Invenergy, one of the country's leading clean energy companies, based in Chicago. Invenergy ([www.invenergyllc.com](http://www.invenergyllc.com)) has developed and placed in service more than 4,700 MW of renewable and natural gas-fueled power generation facilities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, and we're America's largest independent wind power generation company.

Invenergy has developed and placed in service 26 wind farms in the United States. We have a robust pipeline for additional wind project opportunities, but most of these projects have ground to a halt because the Production Tax Credit (PTC), an important component of our project economics, is due to expire at the end of 2012. We – like others in the wind energy industry – continue to await action by Congress approving an extension of the federal wind energy PTC. It is urgent that the extension is approved as soon as possible, as new investments are already stalling, forcing job losses in this growing sector.

The federal PTC is an effective tool to keep electricity rates low and to encourage development of proven clean energy projects. Equipped with the PTC, the wind energy industry has contributed impressively to U.S. economic development as costs continue to come down:

- \* Since 2005, the wind industry has spurred more than \$60 billion of investment.
- \* Today, over 400 facilities – in 43 states - manufacture for the wind energy industry.
- \* Wind now powers the equivalent of 10 million American homes

Let's continue to create economic opportunities for Americans through clean, affordable, homegrown wind energy. I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy PTC right away.

Your time and consideration are much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bollenbacher, P.E.